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ADMISSIONS OF PRIOR ART UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

In accordance with Applicants duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby admit that the following items, each considered alone, constitutes prior art to the subject invention:

1. The following Figures 1-3 show two versions of a product sold by Fiberstars Inc. of Fremont, California, called Linear Essence. Figure 3 shows the actual product illuminated, while Figures 1-2 show the product against a tan-colored background. Figures 1-2 also show a coin of nickel denomination as an indication of size of the product. Figures 1-2 show a small section or demonstration piece of the product, whereas Figure 3 shows a full length of the product.

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3



2. In addition to the copy of the www.poly-optical.com/uniglo.html webpage that is enclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith (Reference No. 7) to show uniform extraction of light from a light guide, near uniform extraction of light from a light guide has also been used in the automotive industry for providing uniform light on dashboard gauges and dials of automobiles. Applicants, however, were unable to find

any references for such work, and hence the exact nature of the uniform extraction of light in these devices is unknown to the Applicants.

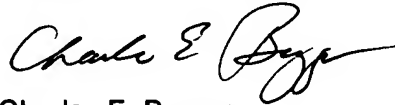
3. Another area for uniform light extraction is in the back lighting of LCD screens for laptop computers. Light is typically supplied to these screens using a lamp at the bottom of the screen and a uniform distribution is needed for the screen. Approaches for accomplishing this are the use of paints and textures on the area behind the screen, which are arranged to yield a uniform distribution of light. Other than the disclosure of US Patent 5,307,245, Applicants are unaware of the exact nature of the uniform extraction of light in such devices.

If the examiner desires any amplification on any of the foregoing points, he or she is invited to request such amplification from the undersigned attorney.

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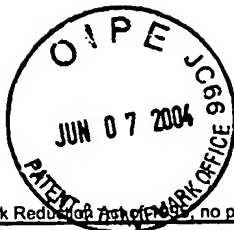
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